

**CITY OF AMES, TEXAS  
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-028**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMES, TEXAS, APPROVING AND DECLARING ITS SUPPORT FOR EXTENDING THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCILMEMBERS FROM TWO YEARS TO FOUR YEARS, WITH STAGGERED TERMS, CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL BY THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY AT THE MAY 2, 2026 ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ames, Texas, is a Type A general-law municipality operating under Chapter 22 of the Texas Local Government Code; and

**WHEREAS**, Article XI, Section 11 of the Texas Constitution authorizes municipalities to increase the terms of office for members of the governing body to a maximum of four (4) years, provided such increase is approved by the qualified voters of the municipality and provided further that the terms of office are staggered; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council currently conducts elections for the mayor and councilmembers on a two-year cycle, with Council Places 1, 2, and 4 scheduled for election on May 2, 2026, and the mayor and Council Places 3 and 5 scheduled for election in May 2027; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that extending terms of office from two years to four years will promote continuity of governance, reduce administrative burdens associated with conducting frequent elections, and provide greater stability in long-range planning and municipal operations; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to formally express its approval of adopting four-year staggered terms for the mayor and councilmembers, conditioned upon voter approval at the City's general election to be held on May 2, 2026, the uniform election date prescribed by the Texas Election Code; and

**WHEREAS**, a separate ordinance will be presented to the City Council calling the May 2, 2026, election and submitting to the qualified voters of the City the proposition of extending the terms of office for the mayor and councilmembers to four years, together with the election of Council Places 1, 2, and 4;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMES, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1.** The City Council hereby approves and declares its support for extending the terms of office for the mayor and all city councilmembers from two (2) years to four (4) years, with staggered terms, as authorized by Article XI, Section 11 of the Texas Constitution, contingent upon approval by the qualified voters of the City at the election to be held on May 2, 2026.

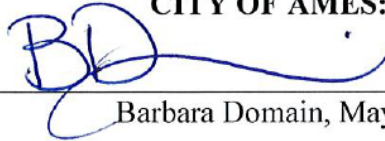
**SECTION 2.** If approved by the voters, the City Council expresses its intent to amend the City's election provisions to implement four-year staggered terms beginning with the election of Council Places 1, 2, and 4 on May 2, 2026, and the election of the mayor and Council Places 3 and 5 at the May 2027 election.

**SECTION 3.** Should any word, phrase, clause, sentence, or provision of this Resolution be held invalid or unconstitutional, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

**SECTION 4.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the City Council of the City of Ames, Texas, on this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 2025.

**CITY OF AMES:**

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Barbara Domain, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, 'Wellona Godfrey', is written over a horizontal line.

Wellona Godfrey, City Secretary